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FOR OES/APT/SA: EA/J

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TSPA, JA
SUBJECT: JSS SPACE EXHIBIT

REF: (A) TOKYO 10846; (B) TOKYO 10985; (C) TOKYO 12792;
(D) STATE 198360

1. EMBASSY HAS INVORMED N. PLATT, DIRECTOR, EA/J, OF LATE DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING JSS SPACE EXHIBIT AS FOLLOWS:
GOJ AGENCIES ARE TRYING TO ACCEDE TO JSS REQUEST FOR LETTERS TO USG COUNTERPART AGENCIES, AS DESCRIBED REFTEL (C), PARA 1 A. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN JSS PRESIDENT SASAKAWA AND FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA, IN WHICH MOFA REPLIES: QTE. AS TO THE MATTER APPLIED ON AUGUST 4, 1977, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGREES TO EXTEND ITS PATRONAGE TO THE EXHIBITION.

ANY CHANGE WHICH MAY HAPPEN IN THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT (EMB. NOTE: COMPLETE DETAILS IN SASAKAWA LETTER) SHALL FORTHWITH BE REPORTED TO THIS OFFICE FOR APPROVAL. AFTERMATH REPORT OF THE SPACE SCIENCE EXHIBITION SHALL FOLLOW AFTER CLOSING. UNQTE.
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EXISTENCE OF THIS EXCHANGE (EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROVIDED COPIES) IS STRONG INDICATOR THAT MOFA MAY BE PREPARED TO WRITE ENDORSEMENT LETTER TO DEPT. OR EMBASSY.

2. SUGIYAMA OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS SHOWN SCICOUNS DRAFT LETTER TO S. DILLON RIPLEY OF SMITHSONIAN, TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

QTE. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION FOR A SPACE SCIENCE EXHIBITION IN TOKYO NOW BEING PLANNED BY THE JAPAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, A JURIDICAL FOUNDATION UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SCIENCE AND CULTURE (MONBUSHO).

FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF DISSEMINATING SCIENCE AND ITS ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF MANKIND AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL AS OF PROMPTING THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THIS SUBJECT, THE MINISTRY CONSIDERS THIS EXHIBITION A VALUABLE PROJECT. ALSO, IT CONSIDERS THAT THE JAPAN SCIENCE SOCIETY IS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT.

THIS PROJECT IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY OF THE JAPAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, WHICH BEARS ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE JAPANESE SIDE. THE MINISTRY, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE ADEQUATE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOCIETY TO INSURE SMOOTH PROGRESS FOR THE PROJECT AND WILL PAY AS MUCH ATTENTION AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID UNEXPECTED ACCIDENTS.

FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE PROJECT, THERE SEEMS TO REMAIN MANY POINTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU AND THE SOCIETY SHOULD BE REACHED. I HOPE FOR YOUR CONTINUING FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION ON THIS MATTER.
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SINCERELY YOURS, KEIJIRO INAI, DIRECTOR, SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE. UNQTE.
LETTER HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED BY INAI. DEPT. SHOULD NOTE THAT MOE IS ACTING IN PLACE OF NATIONAL SCIENCE MUSEUM, WHICH IS AN MOE AGENCY.

3. SUIGYAMA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT NEED FOR LETTER FROM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY OR NASDA TO NASA, SINCE MOE IS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONS OF JSS. EMBOFF WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE, DESPITE QUESTIONING, WHETHER STA IS OPPOSED TO SPACE EXHIBIT, OR TO GIVING OVERT SUPPORT TO JSS.

4. ON BASIS OF ABOVE INFORMATION, PLATT HAS AGREED WITH EMBASSY'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM, WHICH CONTAINS FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

A. DEPT. AND NASA AGREE TO ACCEPT LETTERS FROM THREE GOJ AGENCIES, ALONG LINES OF DRAFT MOE LETTER QUOTED ABOVE, AS EVIDENCE OF GOJ OVERSIGHT OF EXHIBIT AND RECOGNITION OF IT.

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B. DEPT. AND NASA AGREE TO TURN OVER FURTHER
NEGOTIATIONS AND ULTIMATE SUPPLY OF ARTIFACTS TO
SMITHSONIAN, ON GROUNDS THAT SMITHSONIAN IS NOT TRULY
A USG AGENCY AND IS MORE LOGICAL COUNTERPART OF JSS.

C. DEPT. OR EMBASSY INFORMS JSS AND GOJ AGENCIES
THAT SINCE JSS IS PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, ITS LITERATURE,
PUBLICITY, ETC., CONCERNING SPACE EXHIBIT MAY NOT SHOW
U.S. EMBASSY, DEPT., NASA, OR OTHER USG AGENCIES AS
SUPPORTERS, PATRONS, OR ASSOCIATES OF JSS AND EXHIBIT.

D. IN VIEW OF ACT THAT USG PROPERTY WOULD BE
SHIPPED TO JAPAN, EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE
FACILITATIVE SUPPORT TO SMITHSONIAN, SUCH AS EXPEDITING
CUSTOMS CLEARANCES, INSPECTING CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT
ON ARRIVAL, ETC., IF NECESSARY AND IF REQUESTED.

5. EMBASSY IS OF OPINION, AND PLATT CONCURS, THAT
PROCEDURE OUTLINED ABOVE WILL MINIMIZE (BUT NOT
ELIMINATE) JAPANESE PERCEPTION OF USG ASSOCIATION
WITH JSS IN PROJECT AND THAT OVERALL IMPACT OF PROJECT
WILL BE FAVORABLE AS REGARDS JAPANESE PUBLIC'S VIEW
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OF US ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SPACE EXPLORATION.

6. DEPT.'S VIEWS REQUESTED (A) ON ACCEPTABILITY OF MOE
DRAFT LETTER (PARA 2 ABOVE); (B) ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION
(PARA 4 ABOVE). EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPLY REQUIRED.

7. STADIS APPLIED TO THIS MESSAGE SO THAT DEPT.
(OES/APT/SA AND EA/J) CAN MAKE DETERMINATION ON ITS
RELEASE TO NASA HQ.
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